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SUBJECT: SEATO CIVIC ACTION EXERCISE, SEATEX-53

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C. CINCPAC 3000532

1. USAID HAS NOT RPT NOT PARTICIPATED IN PAST SEATO EXERCISES. DURING INITIAL PLANNING FOR SEATEX-53, QUESTION OF POSSIBLE CIVILIAN OR USAID PARTICIPATION WAS DISCUSSED PRIVATELY BY US SIDE AND REJECTED AS INAPPROPRIATE.

2. AS ANTICIPATED COST OF US PARTICIPATION ROSE FROM INITIAL FIGURE OF ABOUT \$5000 TO OVER \$27,000, CINCPAC FORMALLY REQUESTED (REF B) FUNDING ASSISTANCE FROM USAID. THIS EMBASSY AND USAID AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE BEST TO HOLD TO ORIGINAL DECISION NOT RPT NOT TO INVOLVE USAID IN SEATEX-53, ESPECIALLY SINCE WE HAD INFORMAL ASSURANCE THAT ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUIREMENT COULD BE HANDLED THROUGH MILITARY CHANNELS, AS INITIALLY PLANNED.

3. WE ARE, FRANKLY SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT FUNDING THROUGH CONFIDENTIAL

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MILITARY CHANNELS HAS BECOME SUCH A PROBLEM. SUCH FUND-

ING HAS BEEN AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE PLAN FROM THE BEGINNING. EVEN THOUGH THE COST OF US PARTICIPATION HAS RISEN FROM \$5000 TO \$27,000, THIS INCREASE WOULD NOT APPEAR TO PESE AN INSURMOUNTABLE FUNDING PROBLEM.

4. IF THERE ARE HARD AND COMPELLING REASONS WHY MILITARY FUNDING CANNOT NOW COVER US PARTICIPATION IN SEATEX-53, AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED, WE ARE PREPARED TO EXAMINE WITH USAID WHETHER THERE ARE FUNDS OR MATERIELS WHICH COULD BE USED TO BRIDGE ANY SHORTFALL. WHAT IS THE NATURE OF THE FUNDING PROBLEM AND HOW GREAT IS THE GAP BETWEEN - WHAT IS AVAILABLE AND WHAT IS NEEDED? ASSUMING THAT THE PROBLEM IS ONE OF MONEY AND MATERIEL, WHAT TYPE OF MATERIEL IS MOST REQUIRED?

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